

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
RUSHMORE CONNECTOR TRAIL

Please plan to attend a Public Scoping Meeting for the Rushmore Connector Trail Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Date: June 14, 2016

Date: June 16, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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Hill City High School
Commons Area
488 Main Street
Hill City, SD 57745

Hilton Garden Inn
815 E Mall Drive
Rapid City, SD 57701

The meetings will be an Open House format with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Rushmore Connector Trail

The South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (SDGFP) has applied for a Special Use Permit to construct an approximately 14-mile non-motorized trail across National Forest System lands managed by Black Hills National Forest. The trail would connect the Mickelson Trail near Hill City, South Dakota to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The Forest Service, in coordination with the National Park Service, is evaluating the application from the SDGFP.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Forest Service is preparing an EIS so it can make an informed decision whether to approve the actions proposed in the Special Use Permit application for the Rushmore Connector Trail.

If an action alternative is selected in the EIS process, the Forest Service would:

- Issue a Special Use Permit for the trail
- Complete site-specific amendments to the Forest Plan

The Rushmore Connector Trail would also require approval and authorizations from the National Park Service due to activities within the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting. HDR Engineering is assisting the Forest Service with this project. Any persons with disabilities who require alternately formatted materials or other arrangements should contact Rebecca Baker, HDR Engineering, prior to the meeting at 605.977.7756 or Rebecca.baker@hdrinc.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired call 1-800-877-1113 or 711:TTY.

For further information regarding this Project, please contact Scott Jacobson, Forest Service Public Affairs Officer, at 605.673.9216. Information is also posted on the project website at www.rushmoreconnectortrail.com. Comments on the project may be sent to the Forest Service

at *comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills@fs.fed.us*, with “Rushmore Connector Trail” in the subject line.